In reply to a question asked at a meeting organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry on 18th April, 1994, the Commerce Minister had said that India will not allow a situation where Indian Industry is wiped out. He had also stated that there must be a level playing field.

(c) Under the current economic reforms programme various measures have already been taken to enable the domestic industries attain international competitiveness.

Establishment of Investment Promotion office

7016. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.N.I.D.O. has recently suggested the establishment of an Investment Promotion office;

(b) if so, the deails thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details in this regard are not available with Government.

Setting up of new factories

7017. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether permission is required to set up new factories in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER) had carried out any survey in regard to the above; and

(d) if so, the findings and recommendations thereof and the action taken by Government thereon to remove the hurdles in the way of grant of permission to establish factories in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) under the New Industrial Policy, 16 industries under compulsory licencing and 6 idustries reserved for public sector require prior approval of the Government. In addition, medium/large scale units for manufacturing items reserved for small scale industries or seeking locational rtlaxation will have to obtain a licence.

(c) The National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER) has conducted 'Business Expectation Survey' (Round 9) in January, 1994.

(d) The findings of this Survey, inter-alia, are that:

(i) The industry is optimistic about the performance of the economy;

(ii) Imports of raw materials have decreased;

(iii) Exports are expected to rise; and

(iv) The regulatory framework varies across regions.

The Central Government is interacting with the State Governments on a continuous basis to ensure that Industrial Projects are implemented expeditiously.

Hindustan Photo Films

7018. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Photo Films at Ootacamund in Tamil Nadu is in the red;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to meet the targetted production during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Hindustan Photo Films (HPF) has incurred provisional losses of Rs. 117 crores and Rs. 70 crores in 92-93 and 93-94